

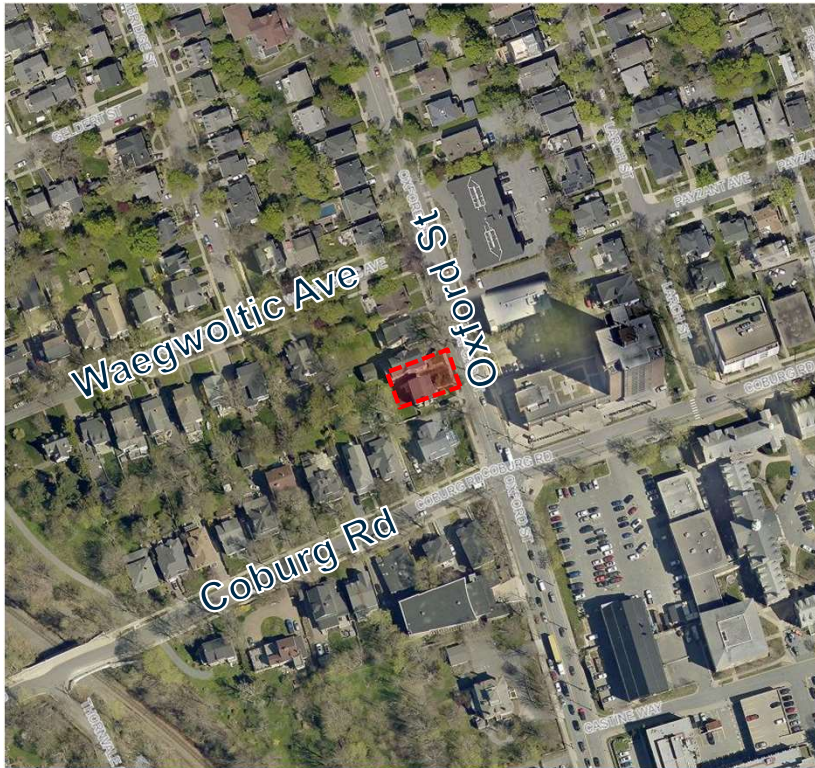
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HRTG-2025-02222: 1530 Oxford Street, Halifax

Request to Include Property in the Registry of Heritage
Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

January 27, 2026

Location



Location of 1530 Oxford Street

Evaluation Criteria - Buildings

Criterion	Maximum Score
1. Age	25
2.[a] Historical <u>or</u> [b] Architectural Importance	20
3. Significance of Architect / Builder	10
4. Architectural Merit: Construction Type <u>and</u> Style	20
5. Architectural Integrity	15
6. Relationship to Surrounding Area	10
Total	100

1. Age

The construction date is 1922

- Formerly known as 80 Oxford Street; part of Collins Field
- Dr Gordon R. Hennigar Sr. purchased the land in 1921
- Halifax architect Sydney Perry Dumaresq designed the home in 1922

Oxford St. No. APPLICATION FOR NEW BUILDING. No. *10916*
To the Inspector of Buildings, Halifax, N. S., day of *1922*

Sir:—The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to build according to the following specifications and in accordance with the detailed plans and specifications submitted.

Location <i>Oxford</i>	St. No. <i>West</i>	Side <i>Side</i>	between <i>Osney</i>	St. and <i>Jubilee Rd</i>
Owner <i>D. Hennigar</i>	Architect <i>Dumaresq</i>	Builder <i>W.H. Vidale</i>	Estimated cost <i>13,000.00</i>	
Class <i>3rd Wood</i>	Material	Purpose of Building <i>dwelling</i>		
Size of main building <i>34x50</i>	Ft. front	Ft. deep	Ft. in height	No. of Stories <i>2</i> Nearest part to street line Ft.
Size of Extension	"	"	"	"
Foundation wall, material <i>Cement</i>	Thickness	Chimney how constructed <i>lined</i>		
Style of roof and material <i>Tin</i>	No. of elevators and for what purpose			
What kind of fire stop is to be used <i>Asbestos</i>	Date permit from Health Board			

Permission is also applied for, to enclose that portion of the street in front of the proposed building extending into the street *ft.*

The undersigned hereby agrees that all work on the said building shall be done in strict accordance with the laws and ordinances relating to the erection of buildings within the City of Halifax, and with the conditions printed on the back of the permit, and that every obstacle will be removed from the street on or before the *day of* *1922* on which date this permit expires.

W.H. Vidale
Applicant.

Building permit for 80 Oxford Street

2a. Historical Importance

Dr. Gordon Ross Hennigar Sr., Dentist (1919-1998)

- Dental surgeon
- Professor at Dalhousie University
- A strong advocate for oral health and public health
- Lived in the house between 1922 and 1928

Dr. Gordon Ross Hennigar Jr., Pathologist (1919-1998)

- Royal Canadian Medical Corps.
- Chair of Pathology at the Medical College of South Carolina

E. Murray Ryan, Queen's Counsel (1914-1974)

- Halifax lawyer
- Served in the Royal Canadian Navy in WWII
- Purchased the property in 1956

3. Significance of Architect / Builder

Sydney Perry Dumaresq (1875–1943)

- Son of James Charles Philip Dumaresq - J.C. Dumaresq & Son designed several bank buildings across Nova Scotia
- Partnered with Andrew Cobb and designed Dingle Memorial Tower
- Designed institutional, commercial, and residential buildings in Halifax



Dingle Tower



Freemasons' Hall



T. Eaton Store



Dumaresq House

4a. Architectural Merit *[Construction]*

- Likely balloon frame construction
- Brick concrete foundation
- Wood cladding
- Copper eavestrough



4b. Architectural Merit *[Style]*

Colonial Revival style incorporating elements from both Georgian and Classical architecture.

Character-defining elements are as listed in the staff report, but most notably include:

- Two-and-a-half-storey wood constructed house;
- Moderately pitched roofs with an eyebrow dormer;
- Symmetrical façade with pedimented entry porch;
- Projecting bay window at the rear of the building;
- Classic cornice lines with dentils, copper eavestrough, and wood shingles;
- Double hung windows with wood surroundings;
- Two brick chimneys with cast iron anchor plates; and



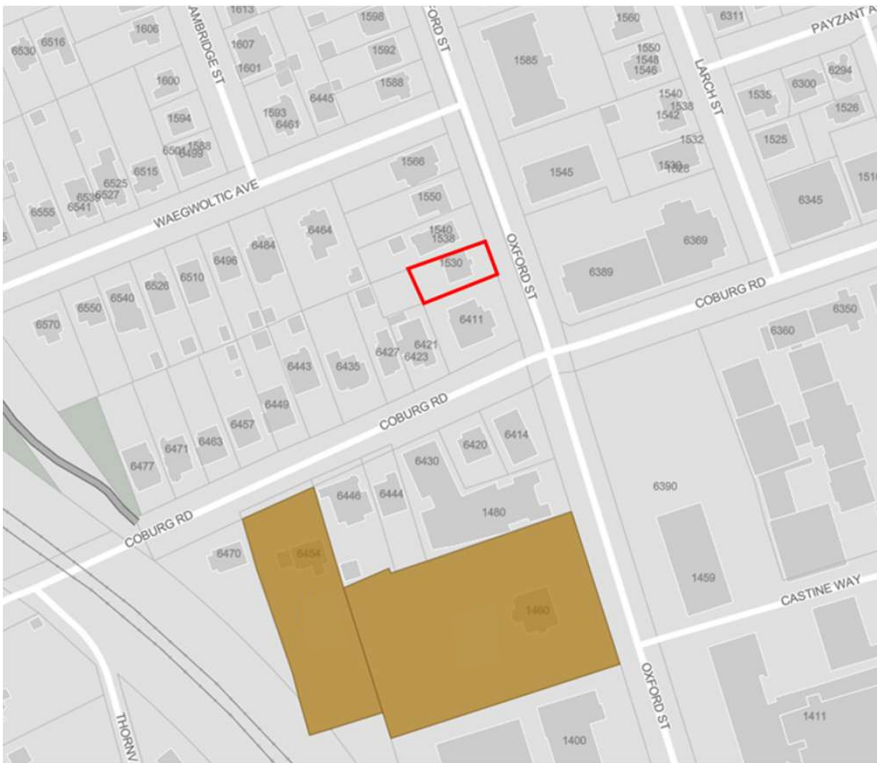
5. Architectural Integrity

The property retains a high level of integrity.

- A large shed dormer was added to the rear roof
 - Similar window style
 - Wood shingles
- Kitchen alteration
 - A new rear entry with sliding doors
 - A new deck and stairs to the entry
 - A small utility projection



6. Relationship to Surrounding Area



- Located in the former Collins Field; part of the early-twentieth-century West End suburbanization
- At the edge of the residential area
- Close to two heritage properties and houses designed by Andrews Cobb and Sydney Perry Dumaresq

Heritage Advisory Committee Scoring

Criterion	HAC Score Awarded
1. Age	5
2.[a] Relationship to Important Occasions, Institutions, Personages or Groups	13
3. Significance of Architect / Builder	6
4A. Architectural Merit: Construction Type	3
4B. Architectural Merit: Style	9
5. Architectural Integrity	11
6. Relationship to Surrounding Area	8
Total	55

Recommendation

That Halifax Regional Council approve the request to include 1530 Oxford, Halifax, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated November 5, 2025, as a municipal heritage property under the *Heritage Property Act*.

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Thank you